

## NO. 203.

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Written on meeting an acquaintance, for the first time for many years, and hearing a lament for the changes in a household formerly so numerous and bright.]

Since happy maidens met together in that hall;  
Where are they now? They come not at our call;  
That kind and hospitable master, too, has fled—

"one, long years since, are gone to heavenly rest ;  
 they dwell with Jesus in those mansions blest,  
 where saints from earth, and holy angels sing,  
 in glory to thee, our Saviour, God, and King."  
 "I called first from earth, was't thou dear Isabel,  
 saying, 'thou who perishest "all is peace and well,  
 friend beloved, choose now the better part,  
 and to the blessed Saviour give up all their heart."  
 "Another followed her ere long, she, too,  
 spake words of counsel with Eternity in view ;

"Where we behold the Saviour face to face,"  
 "What next we see? my memory recalls  
 A beautiful bride leaving those much loved halls;  
 And as the newly-wedded pair depart,  
 Blessings for each are asked by every heart.  
 "But ah! too soon another train appears,  
 Behold the once gay household bathed in tears!  
 For he the Father, Friend, whom all so love,  
 Is called away to the bright world above.  
 "A veil we draw upon that saddened home,  
 And

among those youthful nine, was one so bright,  
from infancy to youth all things seemed light;  
he next comes forth and leaves her Mother's side;  
bring Orange blossoms for the fair young bride!  
What is Earth's happiness? A few short months  
are fled,  
and she so much belov'd, is numbered with the

at in her youth she won by Jesus' love,  
 the height and depth in which her soul to prove.  
 Another of that band was marked ere long;  
 Her lingering illness called for faith most strong,  
 Her sins were blotted out, her sorrows fled—  
 She too will triumph with the risen dead.  
 Some few yet dwell on Earth—may each and all  
 Softened by sorrow, list to their Saviour's call,  
 Resolved, through Jesus' blood to join the throng,  
 Who sing her praises in their heavenly song.  
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O! that the longing of my heart,  
Should in the future see its part;  
Far happier, or far more sad,  
With such wisdom it were clad.

Say! ask it not, deluded soul!  
Time has but misery to unfold:  
"Ho! here and there a 'speak of sunshine' may ap-  
pear,  
To lure a cloud that *doubtly* will o'ercast it, hang-

But yet there is a future, beyond this world of woe,  
And those who "ask and do believe," shall of its  
joy know;  
Then, onward, upward, with a trusting heart,  
Fear not, a Crown Immortal is your part!  
Clarke county, Va., December, 1859.

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